Mr. James Fletcher: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The Grant was made.

DEMAND XXV—AYURVEDA.

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 950 under Demand XXV—Ayurveda. There is already a provision for the 'Examination Charges' in the current year's budget. What happened was that an amount of Rs. 750 provided in the last year's budget could not be disbursed last year itself as the Director sent up the charges of expenditure only lately. It is an item of expenditure for which no sanction had been obtained. So the question of enhanced payments had to be investigated in the Account Department and in the Secretariat before sanction could be granted. This necessarily caused some delay and so the amount could not be disbursed before the year ran out. Naturally last year's expenditure was met out of the provisions made for the current year. Hence this additional grant is asked for to meet this expenditure for the current year.

Mr. James Fletcher: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried; the Grant was made.

DEMAND XXX—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 750 under Demand XXX—Miscellaneous Department. This sum is required for the purchase of tools and implements required for the Repair Section of the Stores Purchase Committee. This amount is asked for an additional expenditure under 'Contingencies' of the Repair Section as the provision under that item is not found to be sufficient. I hope that the House will sanction this Demand.

Mr. M. Govindan: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The Grant was made.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE COURT FEES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Court Fees Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration. I have no doubt, Sir, that

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[Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai]

the honourable members of this House have, with interest, perused and studied the discussions on this matter that took place in the Assembly. And, therefore, I shall not take up much time of the House by explaining in detail what is intended by the Bill. But I may be permitted to say that the main object of this Bill is to provide for the payment of a small fee of two chuckrams in the case of judgments, orders, decrees and records in cases which may shortly be described as coming under the jurisdiction of small cause courts. The main object underlying this bill is this. There has been a great deal of complaint that petitions for records, decrees and judgments which have been put into the court are not brought on record. Subsequently complaints are brought to the court on those matters. Very often some time is taken by the court for registering and making the necessary entries. Subsequently those petitions are not pursued. To prevent those two evils is the object of this bill. I move that the House takes into consideration the bill.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 form part of the bill was put and carried.

The clauses were added to the bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title form part of the bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the bill.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: I move that the bill be passed.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: I second it.

Mr. Kochikkal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Sir, I wish to speak a word on the bill at this stage. I will read a clause at random :—

> In clause (g) of Section 13 of the Court Fees Act (VI of 1087) as amended by Acts VIII of 1100 and II of 1105 between the words "execution of decrees" and the bracket which follows those words, the words "or for copies of judgments, decrees, orders or records" shall be inserted.

I put it to this House and to the learned honourable members such as Mr. A. Gopala Menon, Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar and certain other honourable members who are educated far above the average if they have understood anything out of this. Well, I would put the same question to learned and honourable members of the legal profession. I am not stating this in condemnation of the legal draftsmanship of this House. Even in the House of Commons,

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these twenty or thirty years, this blemish in legislative draftsmanship has been much in evidence. Therefore, I am only suggesting that at least in future legislations, the draftsmanship should be so improved as to make every legislation self-explanatory.

President: I wholly sympathise with the sentiments that have been put forward by Mr. Tampi. As a matter of fact, the House of Commons recently appointed a committee for the purpose of improving the language of their Acts. Lawyers are apt to think that the language should be so used that it should be strictly legal. The ordinary man often does not understand those words. The Legislature is often composed of both lawyers and laymen. I think the point raised by Mr. Tampi is one which might well be borne in mind.

The question that the bill be passed was put and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE VILLAGE PANCHAYAT COURTS ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, I move that the Travancore Village Panchayat Courts Act (Amendment) Bill as passed by the Assembly be taken into consideration. The object of the bill is identical with the object of the previous bill. It may be said in one sentence to be a consequential amendment. It is to serve the same purpose as intended in the previous bill that this bill is introduced. I move that the bill be taken into consideration.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The question that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the bill was put and carried.

The clauses were added to the bill.

Preamble and Title.

The question that the Preamble and Title stand part of the bill was put and carried.

The Preamble and Title were added to the bill.

Mr. K. G. Kunjukrishna Pillai: I move that the Travancore Village Panchayat Courts Act (Amendment) Bill be passed.

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

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